



Winchester Newsletter

Jan - Feb, 2015

City of Winchester - 109 Lindy Blvd., Winchester, MO 63021-5299

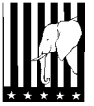
City Calendar



- JAN - 2 - Ballfield Permit Applications**
available @ City Hall at 9:00 a.m.
- 7 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
City Hall Open
- 20 - Candidate Filing for April Election**
closes @ 5:00 p.m.
- FEB 2 - Pavilion & Gazebo Reservations begin**
(for April 1st - October 31st)
- 4 - **Court**, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- ♥ 14 - VALENTINE'S DAY
- 16 - PRESIDENT'S DAY
(City Hall Open)
- MAR 4 - Court**, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 - *Daylight Savings Time Begins*
- 11 - **City Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.
- ♣ 17 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY



NOTICE OF ELECTION DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY CITY OF WINCHESTER



A **Municipal Election** will be held in the City of Winchester, St. Louis County, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, to elect **one Alderman from Ward I and one Alderman from Ward II, each to serve a two (2) year term.**

Declaration of Candidacy for said offices must be received by the City Clerk, Monday thru Friday, during regular business hours. Filing begins on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. The closing date will be at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

A candidate must be a qualified voter properly registered under the laws of the Constitution of the State of Missouri. A Candidate must not be in arrears in any unpaid City of Winchester taxes and must have been a resident of the City of Winchester for at least one year preceding the election.

The City of Winchester is divided into two Wards known as Ward I and Ward II. The dividing line between Ward I and Ward II shall be a line beginning at the intersection of the center line of Sulphur Springs Road and the eastern prolongation of the south rear property line of Hillcrest Boulevard; thence westwardly along the south rear property line of Hillcrest Boulevard to its intersection with the center line of Lindy Boulevard, thence northwardly along the center line of Lindy Boulevard to its intersection with

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Winchester City Hall
Voice-TDD: 636/391-0600
FAX: 636/391-6365

Email: cityhall@city.winchester.mo.us

Business Hours

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Monday through Friday

Board Meeting: 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

MAYOR

Gail M. Winham

Term Expires April, 2017

636/394-6023

WARD I

Marie Bach

Term Expires April, 2015

636/227-6344

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Carol J. Kraft

Term Expires April, 2016

636/399-0859

Tony DeLuca

Term Expires April, 2015

314/220-2119

WARD II

Michael Schmidt

Term Expires, April 2016

314/706-8169

Website: www.city.winchester.mo.us

the center line of Hillcrest Boulevard thence westward along the center line of Hillcrest Boulevard, to its intersection with the southern prolongation of the west rear property line of Lindy Boulevard, thence northwardly along said west rear property line to its intersection with the north rear property line of Hillcrest Boulevard, thence westwardly along said north rear property line to its intersection with the west city limits of the City of Winchester.

Ward I shall constitute all of the area with the boundaries of the City of Winchester that lies South of the above described line dividing Ward I and Ward II. Ward II shall constitute all of the area within the boundaries of the City of Winchester that lies North of the above described line dividing Ward I and Ward II.

Barbara Beckett, CMC
City Administrator/Clerk



CITY MEETING NEWS

In service to the community, your Board of Aldermen took the following action during November/December, 2014:

ORDINANCE

#1040 - An Ordinance repealing Chapter 420: Flood Damage Prevention, of the Winchester Municipal Code and enacting a revised Chapter 420: Floodplain Management.

#1041 - An Ordinance approving the third year of a five year contract between the City of Winchester and the St. Louis County Police.

#1042 - An Ordinance revising the "Snow Emergency Parking" to "No Parking" on the north side of Ballwin between Lindy and Solley. See back cover for complete Snow Parking information.



The Board of Aldermen approved an annual dog station sponsorship opportunity for residents to honor their pet. By donating \$100, a personalized sign, naming the family and the pet, will be mounted at the bag dispensing station helping defer the cost for replacement bags and possibly helping to add additional stations in the park.



TAX ASSISTANCE (*Missouri Department of Revenue*) **Reprinted from October**
The City has received this information from the Missouri Department of Revenue and has been asked that it be provided to the taxpayers and

businesses in the area. They may also call the Department at 573-751-3505. Correspondence and packages may be mailed to the address provided on any notice received or return filed. *If no return address was provided, mail to:*

Missouri Department of Revenue
Harry S. Truman State Office Building, Taxation Division,
301 West High Street, PO Box 3366,
Jefferson City, MO 65101

The drop-off location for packages and mail in the Truman Building is the Mail Service Center, Room 102, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For senior citizens, disabled taxpayers or Veterans disabled as a result of military service, information on the Property Tax Credit is available on the Department's website, <http://dor.mo.gov/personal/>

Additional income tax assistance is available to those who qualify from Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Centers (VITA) and American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

TAX FORMS - Because of the continued growth in electronic filing and the availability of free options to taxpayers, individual and business taxpayers no longer receive paper income tax packages in the mail from the IRS. Federal Income Tax Forms and Publications can be found at the www.irs.gov. The State of Missouri *will not be supplying* individual tax forms. You can obtain tax forms by visiting the MoDOR website at: www.dor.mo.gov/tax. Both of the previously mentioned website's forms are "Fill-in". In other words, you can fill them out on line and print them. You may obtain forms by using the automated Fax-on-Demand system (Form by Fax) at 573-751-4800.

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WINCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD STATION

Cold Weather Tips

Check daily on elderly friends, relatives and neighbors who live alone.

The elderly and very young should stay indoors as much as possible. Offer to shop for elderly friends and relatives. Just like in the summer with heat, it takes some time to get acclimated to cold weather.

Wear layered clothing outdoors for better protection from the cold. Wear a cap to prevent rapid heat loss from an uncovered head. Cover exposed skin to prevent frostbite.

While indoors, try to keep at least one room heated to 70 degrees. This is especially important for the elderly and small children to prevent hypothermia.

Avoid drinking alcoholic beverages.

Eat high energy foods along with warm beverages and soup.

Sleep warm with extra blankets, a warm cap, socks and layered clothing.

Avoid fatigue and exhaustion during cold weather. Overexertion, such as shoveling snow or pushing a car, can strain your heart.

Carry extra clothing, blankets and high energy snacks, such as cereal or candy bars in your car for protection if car stalls. Keep the gas tank near full to prevent icing. Don't travel alone.

Be careful when using fireplaces, stoves or space heaters to stay warm. Carbon monoxide poisoning and home fires are very real winter hazards. For answers to any questions about using space heaters or any other heating method to stay warm, please call your local fire department.

For referral to many services for the elderly in our area, call CORP at 636-207-1323. CORP is part of St. Louis County Government's Department of Human Services.

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HEALTH



(Information from St. Louis County website)

Putting a recycling "bin" in several places in your home will help you recycle everything you possibly can. Don't forget the laundry area! When single stream recycling, all of the recyclables go into the same container. When recycling, labels and lids are okay! Give items a quick rinse to keep your bin clean.

Here is an extensive list of recyclables:

Plastic - Recycle all plastic containers such as plastic tubs, screw-top jars, jugs, cups, all types of bottles. The ONLY exception to the plastic container rule is polystyrene or Styrofoam.

Styrofoam cannot yet be recycled at the curb.

Paper - All sorts of paper can be recycled.

Metal - recycle all aluminum bottles, foil, pans and can. All steel/tin cans, such as soup cans, are recyclable. **DO NOT CRUSH CANS.**



Glass - Recycle all of your glass jars and bottles.

Cardboard & Paperboard - Any size box can be recycled curbside. Break down boxes to make room inside your recycling cart for other recyclables.

What NOT to Recycle:

NO plastic bags can be recycled at home. You can take them to a grocery store to be recycled.

NO plastic wrap, food wrappers, etc.

Reduce  Reuse  Recycle
Naturally!



STREET LIGHTS - Help to keep

Winchester safe and save your tax dollars by reporting any street light in the City that is:

- ✧ broken,
- ✧ off at night,
- ✧ on during daylight hours,
- ✧ or experiencing another problem.

Please call City Hall and let us know which street light is not operating properly and what is wrong with the light. *When you report the lighting problem to City Hall, it is helpful to refer to the light's "tag" number. The electric company "tags" each street light with a locator number on the light's pole. Your assistance allows us to report the lighting problem quickly and efficiently to Ameren Missouri.*



CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Allied Waste will dispose of your Christmas Tree at no additional charge to you. Please consider that trees will not be picked up if they are in plastic bags.

- ✧ Remove all tinsel and garland from your tree and
- ✧ Place your tree curbside before 7:00 a.m. on any regularly scheduled pick up day.



Happy New Year!



PARK & RECREATION NEWS

All municipal parks in the City of Winchester shall be *closed between the hours of Dusk and 7:00 AM* and a person shall not be in the parks during those hours except as authorized by Pavilion permit.



TRICK OR TREAT - In spite of the cold, windy weather, the Halloween Safety Center at Reber Park was a success. Once again this year, the St. Louis County Police, along with City elected officials, gave out glow sticks, candy and popcorn to approximately 200 Trick-or-Treaters. The City is pleased to continue this tradition.



BALLFIELD RESERVATIONS - Reber Park's two ballfields are available for Organized League Team Practice from April 1st, or when the fields are deemed usable by the City, until the end of June each year.

Ballfield Reservation Forms are available at City Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Jan. 2, 2015. Applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis, depending on field availability. You will know your time and field reservation when you register. Teams are required to pay a per season user fee of \$50.00. Each team is limited to one practice session each week. Practice sessions are two hours and are available:

Weekdays (Mon-Fri)

4-6 p.m. *or* 6-8 p.m.

Saturdays

8-10 a.m. *or*
10 a.m.- Noon



IT'S THE FLU SEASON - Tips to help you avoid the flu

The flu season has arrived and the Saint Louis County Department of Health is urging all residents six months of age and older be vaccinated against flu. Even those who aren't worried about catching the flu should be vaccinated.

For many flu is just an inconvenience, but for some it can be life threatening. It is not just about protecting yourself. It's also about protecting others. If you don't catch the flu, then you can't spread the flu.

Statistics show that 200,000 people are hospitalized every year due to flu-related complications and around 36,000 of them die.

Other standard precautions are:

Wash your hands frequently with soap and water.

Cough and sneeze into a tissue or into your sleeve.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.

Try to maintain a distance of three feet between you and others.

Stay home when you are sick or think you may be getting sick.

REMINDER



The City of Winchester has a LEASH LAW - Neither dogs nor cats are permitted to run at large. Any pet must be on a leash, in an enclosed area, or properly restrained.

For the safety and enjoyment of all Winchester residents, City Hall encourages dog and cat owners to be responsible and leash or confine pets whenever outside.

Municipal Code Section 205.190

Pet waste can provide food for rodents. It also comes into contact with storm water which carries pollutants into the storm sewer system and cause viruses and parasites that can infect humans with dangerous pathogens such as salmonella. Studies by the EPA have found that bacteria levels are often elevated 100% after a rain. One way to reduce that level is to clean up after your pets.

Remember, residents who walk their pets must be responsible and prepared to clean up after their animals on any city property. Not doing so is a violation of Municipal Code.

Municipal Code Section 205.230



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS - The West County Senior Center at 14535 Manchester Road needs volunteers for Meals on Wheels. If you can help or know a homebound senior in need of a hot lunch, please contact Janice Fischer at 636-227-3882. Volunteers are asked to give one hour a week. Pick up for the deliveries is at 10:30 a.m. in the Manchester area. The more volunteers, the more seniors that can be helped.

MEAAA serves older adults in the counties of St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin. The West County Senior Center is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. til 3:00 p.m. Hot lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Anyone over 60 years of age is welcome to participate in the activities.

LAFAYETTE OLDER ADULT PROGRAM (L.O.A.P.)



EXPERIENCE THE FUN!!

Are you interested in making new friends, hearing great speakers, going on exciting trips, playing Bingo or cards? If you are over 55, this is a great group in which to become involved!

As residents of Chesterfield, Ballwin, Ellisville, Manchester, Winchester, or part of the Rockwood or Parkway School Districts you are welcome to participate in this program.

Regular meetings are from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from September through May at the Ballwin Golf Course, 333 Holloway Road. Regular meetings cost \$1; special luncheons involve separate fees.

For additional information call:

L.O.A.P. REPRESENTATIVES

City of Ballwin, Colleen Ahearn:	636-227-2357
City of Chesterfield, Becky Dooley:	636-812-9510
City of Ellisville, Sherri Klekamp:	636-227-7508
City of Manchester, Stephanie Hardesty	636-391-6326
Parkway School District, Diana Stewart	314-415-8069



The following is informational materials presented by MSD's *Project Clear* program to raise awareness of the complexity of the wastewater collection and treatment system servicing the greater St. Louis area

A Straight Flush

Have you ever thought about what happens after you flush? Most of us haven't - or at least not until something goes wrong. Did you know that if the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) serves you, that your toilets, sinks and tubs connect to a wastewater system consisting of more than 6,500 miles of pipe?

The underground maze of sewers leads to seven regional treatment plants that treat more than 350 million gallons of wastewater per day on average. MSD maintains those miles of sewers that handle wastewater and also maintains more than 3,000 miles of pipes that handle only stormwater that are not a part of the wastewater collection and treatment system. Every day, MSD serves 1.3 million residents in the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County.

MSD is a public/government agency that is a special district under Missouri's constitution. Approved in 1954, MSD started operation and maintenance activities in January 1956 and its responsibilities include the interception, collection and treatment of wastewater, as well as stormwater management.

The sewer system MSD manages is one of the largest and most complex systems in the United States. In terms of wastewater sewers alone, MSD manages the 4th largest system in the nation, approximately the same size as the wastewater system in Los Angeles, California. The District's current boundaries cover 525 square miles and encompass all of the City of St. Louis and approximately 90% of St. Louis County. Within MSD's service area are two distinct sewer systems that handle wastewater. A combined sewer system handles both wastewater and storm water within the same sewer pipe. A separate, stand-alone, sewer system handles only wastewater within the sewer pipe. Depending on what part of MSD's service area you live in, you are either served by a combined sewer system or a separate sewer system. So, in the eyes of your friends at MSD, the wastewater system is never just about a straight flush. It's about maintaining a system that keeps those flushes moving!